

GERMANS POURING INTO FLANDERS TO PRESS AN ATTACK ON THE ALLIES

KEY TO COAST BEING SOUGHT

Movement Assumes Greater Dimensions Than Those before October Battle.

KEEP HOLD ON YPRES

Attacks Are Commencement of Big Battle with Both Sides Strongly Entrenched.

LONDON, April 24.—The Germans are pouring troops into Flanders to press the attack which at the beginning has forced the allies back to the Ypres canal to the north of Ypres. This movement, according to reports reaching Holland, has assumed even greater dimensions than those which preceded the battle that raged for more than two weeks in this same region last October. On that occasion the operations ended in the discomfiture of the Germans who had declared their intention of pushing their way through to Calais.

It appears that the Germans had a similar aim today and have set out to capture Ypres, which is described as the key to the French coast port.

Canadians Save Day.
While the attack originally met with considerable success, due, according to the allies' reports, to the use by the Germans of asphyxiating gases, it is said to have been already checked. The Canadians, who held the extreme left of the British line and were forced to retire when the rest of the front was pressed back, made a brilliant counter attack, regaining most, if not all, the ground which they had conceded and retaking four guns which they had left in the hands of the Germans. In the words of John French they saved the situation.

The British report does not say how much ground they recovered but the statement in the Berlin official report that a British attack at St. Julien was repulsed shows that they are well back in their old position for the German attack on the main road between Ypres and Poelcapelle is immediately south of Langemark from which point the German attack was launched.

Germans Keep Canal.
The Germans, however, still maintain their hold on the Ypres canal for their northern position, for the storming of the village of Lierne, which is across the canal between the towns of Steenstrate and Het Sast, which they took in their first rush. The German attack to the south of Ypres which was made simultaneously with that to the north apparently has failed entirely.

These attacks are believed to be the commencement of another big battle, which, with both sides strongly entrenched, promises to be one of the bitterest and bloodiest of the war. Telegrams from Holland tonight tell not only of the movement of German reinforcements to the front, but of long trains of dead and wounded which are passing to the rear, a condition of affairs, which also must exist in the rear of the allied armies. The outcome of this battle is awaited with the utmost eagerness.

Russian Attack.
In the meantime fighting goes on in Champagne and the Woëvre, as well as in the Carpathians. Despite torrential rains the Russians appear to have resumed their attack on the Austro-German positions guarding Uzok pass. The capture by the Russians of hill 1,001, it is alleged, will greatly facilitate their operations reducing in importance hill 992, which the Austrians still hold.

Confirmation of this new Russian offensive is contained in the Austrian official report which records fighting on the Turka road which traverses Uzok pass.

There is no official news as yet of operations in the Dardanelles or the North sea, but in the latter region there is evidence of activity on the part of the Germans, who have sunk or captured several neutral vessels. The Danish steamer, Nidrox, was captured; the Norwegian bark, Oscar and Eva, and the Swedish steamer, Ruth, were torpedoed by submarines; the Norwegian steamer, Capri, was blown up by a mine off the English coast, while the Finnish steamer, Frack, was torpedoed in the Baltic.

Diplomats are watching Italy, which apparently has not yet reached a decision on her future attitude. The fact that the meeting of the council of ministers called for today has been postponed would indicate that negotiations between Italy and the German allies are still proceeding or that Italy is waiting for a final answer to her demands for territorial concessions.

GERMANS CARRY VILLAGE BUT FRENCH RETAKE IT

PARIS, April 24.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"To the north of Ypres the Germans during the nights of April 23-24 and during Saturday made strenuous efforts to avail themselves of the surprise they had engineered the day before yesterday by their asphyxiating gases. Their attempts failed.

"On Saturday daybreak on the left bank of the Yser they had succeeded in carrying the village of Langemark, but the French, after a fierce battle, retook it.

COTTON HELD UP BY ALLIES GIVES CONCERN

And the State Department is Asked by Experts to Make Special Efforts.

SEVERAL SHIPS ARE HELD

Five Steamers Are Especially Included in the Complaints Made to Department.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The fact that American cotton shipments totalling thousands of bales and all destined to neutral ports are being held up by the allies is giving cotton exporters great concern and it was learned here tonight that the state department had been requested to make special efforts in the case of five steamers now detained in European ports. Some of these were bound for Sweden and others carried cargoes consigned to Switzerland.

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STOCK MARKET GROWS STRONG

MAYOR IMPEACHED

City Council of Terre Haute Throws Its Convicted Head Out of Office.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 24.—Mayor Don M. Roberts, recently found guilty with twenty-seven other Terre Hauteans of corrupting the election here on November 3, 1914, was impeached today by the city council by a vote of 7 to 3. Roberts was not present at the trial, being in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., serving a six-year sentence fixed by Judge A. D. Anderson in the federal court at Indianapolis.

ROBERTS IN PRISON MAKES NO COMMENT

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 24.—"I have nothing whatever to say," declared Mayor Don M. Roberts when informed this afternoon of the action of the Terre Haute city council in impeaching him.

SERVICE COMMISSION CLAIMS JURISDICTION

And Will Proceed against Baltimore and Ohio if It Raises Passenger Rates.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)
CHARLESTON, April 24.—The public service commission this evening refused to admit the plea of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad that the commission had no jurisdiction to regulate passenger rates in the state of West Virginia and that the two-cent passenger rate was confiscatory in so far as it applied to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. It was stated tonight that owing to the lateness of the hearing the order of the commission would not be entered until Monday.

Attorneys for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have asked the Kanawha county circuit court for a restraining order against the prosecuting attorneys of the counties through which the road traverses and the attorney general to prevent criminal prosecutions. Arguments on this question will be heard by the circuit court on May 3. The commission also notified the Western Maryland Railway Company to appear before it on May 5 and show cause why that company proposes to put into effect increased passenger rates without first procuring the consent of the commission.

The action of the commission today in the Baltimore and Ohio case means that the commission will on May 1, if the railroad company sell tickets in excess of two cents per mile, proceed against the railroad in the courts.

CONGRESSIONAL POSSIBILITY.

The Hon. W. Scott Stuart, a prominent and popular West Union lawyer and Republican, was a city visitor Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stuart is a possibility as congressional nominee in this new district at the next election.

SCENE DURING BARNES-ROOSEVELT LIBEL TRIAL AT SYRACUSE



Attorney Ivins Addressing Jury: Arrow Points to Roosevelt. This picture was taken in the court room at Syracuse where the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial is in progress. Attorney William M. Ivins, chief counsel for William Barnes, is seen speaking to the jury. Colonel Roosevelt is observed supporting his head with his right arm and listening attentively. On the platform at the left is Judge Andrews, who is presiding at the trial.

Closing with Almost a Buoyant Tone on Lead of United States Steel.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The stock market developed unlooked for strength in the latter half of today's short session, closing with an almost buoyant tone and the lead of United States Steel. That stock became the dominant feature, gaining two points to the accompaniment of rumors that the case of the government against the company would soon be decided upon reasonable terms.

ITALY'S STRENGTH

For Military Activity Estimated by French Military Writers at 2,000,000 Men.

PARIS, April 24.—French military writers estimate the full military strength of Italy at 2,000,000 men, of whom 800,000 probably form the active field army. The chief of the Italian general staff is Lieutenant General Count Cadorna. He was born September 4, 1850, and is a son of Raphael Cadorna, who was distinguished for his services in Crimea. Lieutenant General Cadorna is regarded as a brilliant thinker, cool and tenacious and is still in the height of his powers.

CLOUDBURST

West of Steubenville Blocks All Traffic on the Panhandle Road Ten Hours.

STEEUBENVILLE, O., April 24.—A cloudburst west of Steubenville late today blocked all traffic on the Panhandle railroad for ten hours. Cross creek was flooded and the water backed into a Panhandle railroad tunnel to a depth of six feet. A 150-foot section of tracks at the entrance to the tunnel was washed away. Much property damage is reported to have been done at Richmond.

The train carrying the Pittsburgh National League baseball team was held up but the railroad expects to get the team to St. Louis in time for the game there tomorrow.

ROOSEVELT IS RESTING FROM GREAT ORDEAL

Preparing for Further Cross Examination in Barnes's Libel Suit against Him.

TRIAL WILL BE LONG ONE

Syracuse Hotels Are Crowded with Witnesses and More Are Expected Monday.

SYRACUSE, April 24.—Theodore Roosevelt spent today as he will spend tomorrow in resting up from his four strenuous days upon the witness stand and preparing for further cross examination when the trial of William Barnes's suit against him for alleged libel is resumed on Monday. The colonel held a short conference with his counsel and then took a long automobile ride into the country with his host, Horace S. Wilkerson, a Progressive leader.

After a series of conferences attorneys on both sides gave it as their opinion tonight that because of the great amount of evidence yet to be produced it was doubtful whether the case would reach the jury inside of two weeks even if then.

Syracuse hotels are crowded with witnesses. Some have been here since the trial began, others arrived today and still more are expected tomorrow and Monday.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

By Austrians with Great Losses According to the Austrian War Statement.

VIENNA, via LONDON, April 24.—The war office gave out the following statement today:

"At some points near Uzok pass heavy artillery engagements are proceeding with some Russian day attacks, which were repulsed. Russian night attacks along and west of the Turka road failed with great losses to the enemy."

BRIGAND SLAIN

By Unknown Persons in District Between Mountain of Terni and a Town.

LONDON, April 24.—The Sofia, Bulgaria, correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company says that Yanne Sandausky, the Macedonian brigand leader, who gained notoriety in 1901 through the kidnapping and holding for a large ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone, an American missionary, has been slain by unknown persons. Sandausky was killed in the district between the mountain of Terni and the town of Nevenikop.

GREECE READY TO JOIN ALLIES

In the Operations at the Dardanelles Straits, if It Is Invited to Do So.

PARIS, April 24.—Christakis Zographos, foreign minister of Greece, is quoted today by the Information newspaper as declaring that Greece was ready to unite with the allies in the operations at the Dardanelles, if invited to do so.

The information says that Zographos made the statement to Hubert Jacques, a correspondent of this newspaper. Up to the present time, he said, Greece had not been asked to co-operate with the allies.

The foreign minister is quoted as saying that in respect to this question the policy of his cabinet is identical with that of M. Venizelos, the former premier whose resignation has been generally understood to have been brought about by his desire for participation in the war by Greece on the side of the allies.

"It is simply a question of the propitious moment," the foreign minister is quoted as saying.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN ITALIAN CAPITAL

ENORMOUS LOSSES Are Sustained by the Austrians in the Fighting in the Carpathians.

PETROGRAD, via LONDON, April 24.—The following official statement was given out tonight:

"In the Carpathians during April 22 and the night of April 23, the Austrians after long preparations with heavy guns delivered a series of attacks against the heights occupied by us in the region of Polen but they were repulsed with enormous losses. The Austrians also failed in attempts in the daytime on the twenty-third to attack our positions in the region of Volosate."

"Today we progressed in the region of Telepotch and further southeast at Sianka. Our troops after desperate fighting captured a series of hills. Elsewhere on our front there have been only fusillades and cannonading."

HUGE WAVE

Capsizes a Gasoline Steamer and Three Lives Are Lost as a Result.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 24.—As the gasoline schooner, Randolph, was crossing Coquille bar today, a huge comb capsize it and three lives were lost. The vessel was washed ashore with its captain, Charles Anderson, and Henry Coidin, a member of the crew, still alive imprisoned in the hold. Rescuers chopped a hole in the hull and took them out.

VILLA AT ODDS WITH HIS AIDE

STARVING TO DEATH MANY ARE IN CHINA

And Others Are Committing Suicide to Escape the Terrors of Hunger.

DROUGHT CAUSES FAMINE

Some Are So Desperate That They Are Eating Roots and Bark from Trees.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Many are starting to death, others are committing suicide to escape the terrors of hunger, and thousands are on the verge of starvation in the province of Szechuan, China, because of famine, according to mail advices to the state department received today from Carlleton Baker, consul at Chung-King.

The famine is due to a protracted drought particularly in the region of Fuchow and Chungchow.

"Many of the poorer people are already starving to death," it is stated.

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Says Carranza Agency but the State Department Has No Confirmation of Report.

DESERTS HIS GENERALS

Who Are Thereby Left to Face Brunt of Obregon's Advance toward North.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A serious rupture between General Villa and his chief lieutenant, General Angeles, was reported to the Carranza agency here today in a message from Eagle Pass, Tex. General Villa, the message added, has ordered his personal followers to Terreon, where he was concentrating a garrison from towns along the border. General Angeles remained at Aguas Calientes, it was stated, to meet the advance of General Obregon from Terreon.

No advices reached the state department today tending to confirm these reports. Officials have said they have no knowledge of a break between Generals Villa and Angeles. The text of the Eagle Pass message as given out at the Carranza agency tonight is as follows:

"The serious breach between Villa and the ex-federals serving under him caused by Villa laying all the blame for his recent defeat upon the cowardice of the ex-federals and this charge embracing General Angeles has caused Villa to order all his followers to concentrate at Terreon. Urbana has evacuated San Luis Potosi and proceeded to Zacatecas, where he is covering the retreat of Villa. All the garrison along the border have been ordered to evacuate and concentrate at Terreon without delay. This leaves Generals Angeles, Raul and Emilio Madero to face the brunt of Obregon's advance toward the north."

CARRANZA GENERAL DEFEATED BY VILLA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 24.—General Turbe, the Carranza commander, coming up from Sinaloa to reinforce General Calles in Sonora has been defeated and Navajo Sonora captured by Villa troops under General Juan A. Garza, according to a message received today by the Villa agency here.

General Sosa, Maytorena's cavalry chief, is pursuing Turbe's retreating and discouraged columns, it was stated.

OBREGON'S BROTHER IS SHOT BY VILLA'S ORDERS

NEW YORK, April 24.—Francisco S. Elias, consul for Mexico, under the Carranza faction, announced today that he had received a telegram from General Obregon asserting that Obregon's brother, Francisco, taken prisoner by Villa and sent to Chihuahua has been shot by Villa's orders.

Another despatch from General Obregon, Mr. Elias asserted today, had been received later stating that General Obregon had sent a telegram to General Villa pointing out that his brother was a feeble old man and a non-combatant and requesting his release. The only reply received to this message, Mr. Elias said, the despatch stated was a message from Villa which read, "Your brother has been shot."

5,000 MORE IDLERS

Are Added to List of Chicago's Unemployed When Lumber Yards Close Down.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Five thousand more men were added to the list of 125,000 unemployed in Chicago today when practically all of the eighty big lumber yards in this city closed down their yards pending settlement of the carpenters' strike. The lumber yards that were shut down do an annual business of \$25,000,000.

The arbitration board of the carpenters' district council and the carpenters-contrators' association are expected to meet again Monday. Until then, it was said, no joint effort would be made to bring about a settlement.

HEAVY RAINS

Falling Now Bring New Suffering to Those Whose Homes Are in Flood Zone.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 24.—Heavy rains falling here late tonight brought new suffering to those whose homes have been damaged by floods. The Colorado river is high here but the city is not believed to be in danger from it.

Fourteen bodies have been recovered and there were reports tonight of twenty-one persons missing. Eighteen lives are known to have been lost.